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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, National Estimates

INFORMATION: Ad Hoc IAC Working Groups on Operational Soviet Nuclear Delivery Vehicles in mid-1962 and Soviet Air Defenses in mid-1962

SUBJECT: NESC Intelligence Requirements

1. Attached is a summary of the numbers of weapons proposed by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Operational Soviet Nuclear Delivery Vehicles in mid-1962. Certain of these numbers are still subject to review by members of the Working Group, but it was agreed that they were sufficiently firm to permit initiation of the study of their overall impact on Soviet resources in conjunction with the impact of the numbers proposed by the Air Defense Working Group.

2. The study of economic impact is being initiated by CIA/ORR; impact on nuclear materials stocks will be initiated by CIA/ONE Staff. A target date of 5 September 1958 has been set for completion of these analyses.

3. Unless there is objection, the two Working Groups referred to above will now be merged into a single Ad Hoc Working Group on

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NESC Requirements. This working group, in consultation with the existing IAC Sub-committees as appropriate, will review the special contributions on all questions raised by the NESC in its 12 June request and prepare a draft reply for submission to the IAC. This draft reply will comprise a proposed set of agreed intelligence assumptions for use by NESC, together with a proposed letter of transmittal.

4. Special contributions pertinent to the job of this Working Group are:

- Report of Working Group on Operational Soviet Nuclear Delivery Vehicles in mid-1962 (attached)
- Report of Working Group on Soviet Air Defenses in mid-1962 (Memorandum for DAD/NE dated 31 July 1958, T.S. #034611)
- Report of Warning Systems Survey Committee (now in draft as Memorandum for Members of the WSSC dated 15 August 1958, NIC #14029, SPECIAL)
- Army and Air supplementary contributions to NIE 11-4-58, on reaction time of Soviet forces (Army - in NIE 11-4-58 contribution dated 14 Aug. 58, SECRET; Air - in NIE 11-4-58 contribution dated 22 Aug. 58, SECRET)

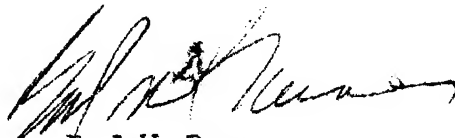
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5. The following schedule should be followed in order to meet the NESC's deadline of 1 October 1958:

- 5 Sept - completion of preliminary analyses of economic impact
- 8-9 Sept - Review of economic analysis and adjustment by Working Group
- 12 Sept - Draft of proposed agreed assumptions to Working Group
- 17 Sept - Consideration of draft by Working Group begins
- 25 Sept - Working Group draft distributed to IAC
- 30 Sept - IAC target date



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